

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following claims 1 – 28 for the pending claims with the same number:

1 1. (currently amended) A method for preventing copying of proprietary digital
2 image data that is displayed on a computer monitor, comprising:
3 providing screen pixel data to a frame buffer for rendering on a
4 computer monitor, the screen pixel data including pixel data for a proprietary
5 digital image;
6 detecting an event that a window is going to be displayed on the
7 computer monitor;
8 determining the position and size of the window;
9 determining, based on the position and size of the window, a
10 portion of the screen pixel data that is going to be covered by the window;
11 replacing at least the portion of the screen pixel data with
12 substitute pixel data prior to the window being displayed;
13 displaying the substitute pixel data; and
14 displaying the window over at least a portion of the substitute
15 pixel data.

1 2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising registering
2 an application to include a system-wide hook in order to monitor window events
3 occurring within a windows operating system, and wherein said detecting
4 comprises receiving notification of a window event from the windows operating
5 system.

1 3. (original) The method of claim 2 wherein the system-wide hook is a windows
2 CBT hook.

1 4. (original) The method of claim 2 wherein the system-wide hook is a windows
2 CallWndProc hook.

1 5. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said detecting detects that a new
2 window is going to be opened.

1 6. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said detecting detects that an
2 existing window is going to be enlarged.

1 7. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said detecting detects that an
2 existing window is going to be maximized.

1 8. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said detecting detects
2 that an existing window is going to be moved from behind another window to in
3 front of the other window.

1 9. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the substitute pixel data is white
2 pixel data.

1 10. (currently amended) A system for preventing copying of proprietary digital
2 image data that is displayed on a computer monitor, comprising:

3 a frame buffer for storing screen pixel data to be displayed on a
4 computer monitor

5 ~~a computer monitor on which screen pixel data is rendered~~, the
6 screen pixel data including pixel data for a proprietary digital image;

7 an event detector detecting that a window is going to be
8 displayed on the computer monitor;

9 a window processor for determining the position and size of the
10 window, and for determining, based on the position and size of the window, a
11 portion of the screen pixel data that is going to be covered by the window;

12 a pixel processor for replacing at least the portion of the screen
13 pixel data with substitute pixel data prior to the window being displayed; and

14 a display processor for displaying the screen pixel data and the
15 substitute pixel data, and for displaying the window over at least a portion of the
16 substitute pixel data.

1 11. (original) The system of claim 10 further comprising a hook registry for
2 registering an application to include a system-wide hook in order to monitor
3 window events occurring within a windows operating system, and wherein said
4 event detector comprises a notification receiver for receiving notification of a
5 window event from the windows operating system.

1 12. (original) The system of claim 11 wherein the system-wide hook is a
2 Windows CBT hook.

1 13. (original) The system of claim 11 wherein the system-wide hook is a
2 Windows CallWndProc hook.

1 14. (original) The system of claim 10 wherein said event detector detects that a
2 new window is going to be opened.

1 15. (original) The system of claim 10 wherein said event detector detects that an
2 existing window is going to be enlarged.

1 16. (original) The system of claim 10 wherein said event detector detects that an
2 existing window is going to be maximized.

1 17. (previously presented) The system of claim 10 wherein said event detector
2 detects that an existing window is going to be moved from behind another
3 window to in front of the other window.

1 18. (original) The system of claim 10 wherein the substitute pixel data is white
2 pixel data.

1 19. (currently amended) A method for preventing copying of proprietary digital
2 image data that is displayed on a computer monitor, comprising:
3 providing screen pixel data to a frame buffer for rendering on a
4 computer monitor, the screen pixel data including pixel data for a proprietary
5 digital image;
6 detecting that a window is going to be displayed on the computer
7 monitor;
8 determining the position and size of the window;
9 determining, based on the position and size of the window, a
10 portion of the screen pixel data wherein the proprietary digital image is going to
11 be covered by the window;

12 replacing at least the portion of the screen pixel data with
13 substitute pixel data prior to the window being displayed;
14 displaying the substitute pixel data; and
15 displaying the window over at least a portion of the substitute
16 pixel data.

1 20. (currently amended) A system for preventing copying of proprietary digital
2 image data that is displayed on a computer monitor, comprising:

3 a frame buffer for storing screen pixel data to be displayed on a
4 computer monitor

5 ~~a computer monitor on which screen pixel data is rendered~~, the
6 screen pixel data including pixel data for a proprietary digital image;

7 an event detector detecting that a window is going to be
8 displayed on the computer monitor;

9 a window processor for determining the position and size of the
10 window, and for determining, based on the position and size of the second
11 window, a portion of the screen pixel data wherein the proprietary digital image
12 is going to be covered by the window; and

13 a pixel processor for replacing at least the portion of the screen
14 pixel data with substitute pixel data prior to the window being displayed; and

15 a display processor for displaying the screen pixel data and the
16 substitute pixel data, and for displaying the window over at least a portion of the
17 substitute pixel data.

1 21. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the portion of the
2 screen pixel data includes all pixel data that is going to be covered by the
3 window.

1 22. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the portion of the
2 screen pixel data includes fewer than all pixel data that is going to be covered by
3 the window.

1 23. (previously presented) The system of claim 10 wherein the portion of the
2 screen pixel data includes all pixel data that is going to be covered by the
3 window.

1 24. (previously presented) The system of claim 10 wherein the portion of the
2 screen pixel data includes fewer than all pixel data that is going to be covered by
3 the window.

1 25. (previously presented) The method of claim 19 wherein the portion of the
2 screen pixel data includes all proprietary digital image pixel data that is going to
3 be covered by the window.

1 26. (previously presented) The method of claim 19 wherein the portion of the
2 screen pixel data includes fewer than all proprietary digital image pixel data that
3 is going to be covered by the window.

1 27. (previously presented) The system of claim 20 wherein the portion of the
2 screen pixel data includes all proprietary digital image pixel data that is going to
3 be covered by the window.

1 28. (previously presented) The system of claim 20 wherein the portion of the
2 screen pixel data includes fewer than all proprietary digital image pixel data that
3 is going to be covered by the window.